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11. (SBU) On May 22, Boyan Boyanov of the Ministry of Defense International Organizations and Arms Control Department confirmed that reftel quantities of atropine auto-injectors had been legitimately ordered by the Military Medical Academy (which is overseen by the Ministry of Defense). Boyanov further confirmed that the Military Medical Academy is an authorized recipient of chemical warfare countermeasure equipment. According to him, the Military Medical Academy made a similar purchase through Maimex Bulgaria in 2002.

 $\P 2$. (U) Based on available information, post believes reftel transaction to be legitimate.

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